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Local and General.

Reg. Browne has returned home from Saskatchewan for the holidays.

E. K. Strathy and family left Tuesday for their new home in Prince Rupert.

H. A. Murphy received a very severe shaking up by being thrown from a buggy one day last week.

Good prices were realized at Mr. Strathy's sale Saturday last. It was a very successful sale all through.

Special Xmas Services in the Methodist church on Sunday, Dec. 27th. Special Xmas music. A cordial invitation to all.

The change from water power to steam does not seem to have solved all the difficulties confronting the Electric Light Company.

Mr. W. F. Graham, Manager of Lacombe branch of the Union Bank, has purchased the E. K. Strathy residence and has moved in this week.

Many people from this district have taken advantage of the low railway rates to make holiday visits to their old homes in eastern Canada and in the States.

The Christmas evening hockey game has been set a half hour later and the Methodist Christmas tree an hour earlier than intended, so that all who wish can attend both.

The first game in the Alberta Amateur Hockey League takes place on Lacombe ice Christmas night, between Lacombe and Stettler. The boys are playing purely amateur hockey and deserve the best support of the sport loving public.

From the way the settlers in the Blindman valley are taking hold of the railway project, it is evident that they will stay with it until they accomplish their purpose. The railway is a necessity and the settlers are convinced that they have now waited long enough and it is time to do something.

For Christmas and New Year holidays the Canadian Pacific railway announces a rate of fare and one third for the round trip. Tickets on sale for Christmas December 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25, for New Year December 28, 29, 30 and 31 and January 1, final return limit on all tickets January 6, 1909.

At the meeting of Lacombe Presbytery last week the matter of the resignation of Rev. M. White was taken up. Eighty members of the congregation signed a petition requesting him to remain, but Mr. White pleaded the need of rest after so many years of labor in this field, and the congregation finally reluctantly acceded to his wishes. He will retain his connection with this congregation until March. It is understood that the matter will be brought up for reconsideration at the next meeting of Presbytery.

PATRONAGE ON THE INTER-COLONIAL.

Mr. Graham and Patronage.

The Dominion minister of railways has been making a speech, claiming that patronage in his department has not greatly increased the cost of supplies. A Cassels inquiry would contradict Graham's statement that purchases are made practically on business principles. Lodge bought Moncton lands on business principles for \$5,075, and at once sold them on patronage principles to the government for \$13,880. The Halifax land required for the railway was bought on business principles for \$18,588 by Mr. Pearson. Pearson passed it over to the government on patronage principles for \$45,400. On business principles, Graham would buy at first hand the commodities which he requires. On patronage principles he shuts out the producer and gives the business at a higher price to an unnecessary middleman.

The Middleman.

On patronage principles the Intercolonial has lubricated itself with oil costing nearly twice as much per thousand miles run as was paid by other trunk lines, on business principles. Makers of wire fence and other equipment have paid commissions to men on the patronage list for the privilege of supplying the government. The minister says that he has advertised by circulars. He pays 25 per cent rake-off above the printer's price for these very circulars. He promises now to advertise through the papers and give everybody a chance. But even when he advertises he uses only the Liberal papers, which reach only half the people. An advertiser on business principles would try to reach all the people. Graham takes care that his advertising does not reach the very persons who would give him competitive prices.

Let Graham call on Judge Cassels, give him authority to enquire into the campaign contributions provided at the cost of the Intercolonial, and into private rake-off gathered in by his political friends. He will find that the marine department is only in the kindergarten stage while his own is a graduate in the art of serving two masters.

A New I. C. R. Policy.

Government organs in Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and St. John are foreshadowing a new Intercolonial policy, by declaring that government management is a failure. Just before the election, government orators were proclaiming Graham's management a great success. In fact government ownership was then so good a thing that the New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Quebec electors were promised that the government would take over the Intercolonial branches and increase government ownership by making them part of the government system.

Now that the elections are over the government, instead of buying

the branches, is talking of selling the main line.

Wild Railway Rumor.

Saskatoon, Dec. 18.—It is rumored here in railroad circles that the C. N. R. are shortly to take over the Calgary and Edmonton road. It is a fact that the work on the Goose Lake line to Calgary is being pushed with all speed, and it is expected that when spring opens work will start at both ends.

The C. N. R. are known to own a large site in Calgary for terminal facilities.

MacKenzie and Mann built the C. & E. road and it is understood that the contract gave them an option of purchase at the expiration of the C. P. R. lease, which happens next year. This will cut the C. P. R. out of Edmonton for the present, as their road west of here ends at Wetaskiwin.

Christmas Farmer's Advocate.

Readers of the Farmer's Advocate and Home Journal, Winnipeg have reason to congratulate themselves on the surprisingly handsome Christmas Number of that paper. The broad national spirit that always characterizes it is maintained and further intensified by the subject and execution of the cover design. Mr. Kipling told us what he considered the prevailing type of Canadian feminine beauty, and a clever young Manitoba artist has given color and form to Mr. Kipling's words, providing one of the most strikingly new and original front covers we have ever seen.

Turning the pages one is at once interested and delighted with the variety and excellence of the illustrations. Local pictures there are and also some from the home lands of the old country, Eastern Canada and the great Republic.

Then turning to a more deliberate examination of the more prominent features of this beautiful holiday number, the attention is held through a vivid description of Canada's largest orchard and the immense irrigation schemes being carried on in Alberta; the horse in history and romance is entertainingly discussed by the ever popular "Whip"; a deserving tribute is paid to the spirit of Western hospitality by Chas. Lewis Shaw, a world wide traveller; the editor discusses many singular circumstances that occur in marketing grain, while an intensely modern

and scientific article of more than ordinary interest to grain growers is by the pen of one of the professors in an American agricultural college, presented in such plain and simple language that everyone can grasp its importance. Stockmen and horsemen will revel in the detailed description of the largest stock show in the world, the Chicago International, while poultry fanciers are reminded of some fast receding notions and practices.

The Home Journal Department is simply crowded with entertaining fiction, children's stories and helpful suggestions. The premier position is given to "Cold Weather Care of Children" by Mary Allen Davidson, M. D., while "Cabin Days Recalled," by Miss Webber, gives us an insight to an entirely new vista: "Sweet Charity" by Mrs. Tallant, is decidedly "Christ-masy."

But the thing that interests those of us of the journalistic fraternity is the volume of advertising carried and the "classiness" of the printing.

Subscribers of the Farmer's Advocate are presented with this number in lieu of a regular issue.

To non-subscribers the price is 25 cents per copy. New subscribers will receive it as a premium while the supply lasts.

A directory of the breeders of pure bred live stock in the Dominion has been issued by the department of agriculture at Ottawa. This most useful compilation has been got out in the interest of farmers and stock raisers desiring to improve their herds. By consulting it they can learn where pure bred stock may be purchased. A large edition of the directory has been printed and copies will be sent free to all who desire them. Requests should be sent to the live stock commissioner at Ottawa.

An unprecedentedly large amount of grain has been marketed in Lacombe this month and good prices are being realized by the farmers.

Births.

OVERTON—At Lacombe, on Saturday, December 19, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Overton, a daughter.

BERRY—At Lacombe, on Tuesday December 22, to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Berrey, a daughter.

MCCCHARLES—At Canyon, on Tuesday, December 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCharles, a son.

Capital, Rest and Undivided Profits Exceed \$5,000,000

UNION BANK

OF CANADA

often as you can in the Union Bank of Canada, and make your money earn interest.

Then if you need it later on, you can draw what you want without delay or inconvenience.

Interest paid at highest current rate. \$1.00 or upward opens an account.

LACOMBE BRANCH: W. F. GRAHAM, Manager.

Build Up Your Balance in your Savings Accounts now—when you are selling the season's crop, or getting the returns from your Dairying. Deposit as much as and make

The W. E. Lord Co.

What Shall I Get for Her?

The question is not so much, "What shall I get?" as "What would she like for Christmas?" And a trip to our store will solve that question in a jiffy.

We have so many beautiful things for women this Xmas, that we could not tell you all here,—space forbids. But we mention at random:—

Silk Waists, Beautiful Dress Goods, Empress Shoes, Fourie's Kid Gloves, Fancy Collars, Belts, Furs, Stylish Cravats, Knitted Goods, Satchels, Pretty China, Table Linens.

Extra salespeople to attend to your wants.

THE W. E. LORD COMPANY.

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Suitable Christmas Gifts

AT THE

Skinner Drug Co.

In Fancy China, Perfumes, Christmas Cards, Fountain Pens, Lowney's Chocolates.

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The MYSTERY

By Stewart Edward White
And Samuel Hopkins Adams

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(Continued.)

Next morning Captain Selover was ashore early. He had quite recovered his spirits and offered me a drink of French brandy, which I refused. We worked hard again, again the master returned at night to his berth, this time without a word to any of us. Again the men, dragged by toil, turned in early and slept like the dead.

We became satiated in a flash of days like these, during which weeks were accomplished, but in which was no space for anything but the tasks imposed upon us. The men for the most part had little to say.

"For Dix, eat is too much work," sighed Perodsa once.

"Why don't you kick to the old man, then?" sneered Thrackles.

The silence that followed and the sullenness with which Perodsa addressed himself to his work was significant enough of Captain Selover's past relations with the men.

And how we did clean her. We stripped her of every stitch and silver until she floated high, an empty hull, even her spars and running rigging ashore. I understood now the crew's grumbling. We literally went at her with a nailbrush.

Captain Selover took charge of us when we had reached this period. He and the nigger and Perodsa had long since finished the installation of the permanent camp. They had built us huts from the wreck, collecting state-room doors for the sides and hatches for the roofs, huge and solid, with iron flags in them. The houses and iron ventilation gratings to the doors gave us glimpses of the coast through fretwork. The rich inlaying of woods surrounded us. We set up on a solid rock the galley stove, with its rails held the cooking pots from upsetting in a seaway. In it we burned the debris of the wreck, all sorts of wood, some sweet and aromatic and spicy as an incense cathedral. I have seen the nigger holding beads over a blaze of sandalwood fragrant as an eastern shop.

First we scrubbed the Laughing Lane, then we painted her and redressed and tarred her standing rigging, re-used and rove her running gear, slashed her masts, finally careened her and scraped and painted her below.

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work. The worst of it was that we were kept at it so breathlessly, as though our very existence were to depend on the headlong rush of our labor. And then we had fully half the stores to put away again and the other half to transport painfully over the neck of land from the cove to the beach.

Not accustomed had I become to the routine in which we were involved, so habituated to anticipating the coming day as exactly like the day that had gone, that the completion of our job caught me quite by surprise. I had thrown myself down by the fire prepared for the same old half hour of drowsy nocturne, to be followed by the accustomed heavy sleep and the usual early rising to toil. The evening was warm. I half closed my eyes.

Handy Solomon was coughing in his bed. Instead of dropping to his place he struggled the floor, stretching his arms over his head. He let them fall with a sharp exhalation:

"Lay aloft, lay aloft! the jolly ho's a blow high, now low, what care we!"

"Now, I wonder, what care we?"

Down on the coast of the high bar a faint phosphorescence, arch shaped, from which shot with pulsating regularity, long shafts of light. They beat down on the water, and then the whole illumination disappeared with the suddenness of gas turned out.

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to meet it, with none to back me but a sootied man, an abandoned man, and an indifferent man?

CHAPTER XV.

PERCY DARROW, unexpectedly, made his first visit to us on the very next evening. He came dressed in a Mexican sombrero and a light blue shirt, and sat down with a careless gravity, as though he had seen us only the day before.

"Hello, boys," said he, "been busy?"

"How are ye, sir?" replied Handy Solomon. "Good Lord, mates, look at that!"

Our eyes followed the direction of his forefinger. Against the dark blue of the evening sky to northward glowed a faint phosphorescence, arch shaped, from which shot with pulsating regularity, long shafts of light. They beat down on the water, and then the whole illumination disappeared with the suddenness of gas turned out.

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Ransoming Fancy.

By CARL WILLIAMS.

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"Love me, love my dog," was a sentiment of which Miss Thayer entirely approved, though she had no reason to insist that Paul Niblet follow the rule, for he loved his Thayer, dog in general, his own brute bull in particular, and Miss Thayer's Boston terrier but little less.

Fancy, the terrier, had been his first gift to Ida, and Paul believed that it constituted the strongest tie between them, for in dogs they had found a common bond of sympathy.

This Niblet had industriously sought to strengthen, with so small results, though he had not yet dared to put his fate to the test and possibly lose through prechancy all he had gained.

That Ida Thayer liked the friendly, clean cut young man was evident, but

"The gate is always closed," explained the superintendent. "There is no chance of a visit from a rabid cur, and the grass and water will do them a world of good."

"I wish I could say here, too," exclaimed Ida, with a sigh, as she gave Fancy a final petting and prepared to follow Paul to the car.

"I'll bring you out whenever you want to see Fancy," he promised.

"We'll come every day if you wish."

"I should like to come tomorrow," asserted Ida. "To see how our victims are getting along. Our abduction is successfully accomplished."

"That shows you how much of a novice you are," retorted Paul as the car started. "The abduction is not a success until the victim is restored to an anxious family."

"I should like to see the victim," said Ida. "This is the only first chapter."

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that Fancy is still alive. He liked her until the papers commenced to print the horrible truth. He doesn't suppose that it is really threatening father's wishes.

"You're merely assistant kidnaper," explained the superintendent. "The principal is responsible for the acts of his parents. The responsibility is all mine."

As the summer twilight faded into darkness, the French maid, who had been waiting for the Thayer driveway, and a goggled figure sprang up the steps and caught up the doorman's pet. Then he sprang the leashes of the two dogs, and the car recommenced its noisy puffing. In a flash they were in the street again.

It was a delightful run out to the farm, which was Paul's hobby, and when Ida saw the two new kennels that had been built in compliance with Paul's telephone message to his superintendent she went into ecstasies.

They were side by side fronting a great lawn, in the center of which was an artificial lake fed by a brook. It was an ideal place for a summer playground, and it was not long before Paul was changing his horse to the grass and making herself at home generally.

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ELECTION PROTESTED

Sir Wilfrid's Bribe Offered to Civil Servants.—\$300,000 a Year to Pay for One Election.—If This Increase Is Just, Justice Was Corruptly Withheld Until Election Time.

A petition has been filed against Sir Wilfrid Laurier in respect to his election in Ottawa City. In government circles there are dismal complaints over this proceeding. Sir Wilfrid's friends appear to think that the Premier should be allowed to use the most direct and effective methods of corruption to secure his personal election and yet be exempt from the lawful and proper penalty of his act. In this case the facts are undisputed. When Sir Wilfrid became a candidate he wrote a letter to his colleague, Mr. McGivern, promising to use his influence to raise the salaries of civil servants by at least twelve and a half per cent, as suggested by the civil service commission, and to have the increase dated back to the first of September. Mr. McGivern had promised this, but he had not sufficient authority to make the pledge good for votes. Therefore the Prime Minister wrote a letter giving his endorsement to the pledge. This letter of the Premier, with the striking passages printed in black capitals, was sent to every civil servant who had a vote, and the pledge of the Premier was canvassed by active campaigners, including civil service officials, all through the departmental buildings.

An Effective Bribe.

No more attractive inducement than this could be offered to the 1,500 electors in public employ in Ottawa. It meant on the average over \$125 a year to each voter in the service. It meant a back payment of probably \$30 or \$40 on the average for services rendered before the change in salary should be made. It called for about \$200,000 additional annual payments from the public treasury, with extra back payments of \$50,000 to \$75,000. This is the bribe offered to one constituency, not from the purse of the candidates or their friends, but from the public treasury. It would not have been offered if the two seats in Ottawa had not been in danger, and if the Premier himself had not been a candidate, and were not in peril of defeat at his own capital. The original government candidates, whose defeat was certain, had been set aside, and the Premier had undertaken to run in Ottawa, while he was still a candidate in Quebec. Notwithstanding the enormous government influence, and the prestige of the Prime Minister's position, this bribe was needed in order to secure his election, and even then the majority was not half what it was four years ago.

Justice Offered as a Bribe.

Of course it is said that the civil servants were entitled to this in-

crease and that the civil service commissioners had recommended it. That does not excuse the proceeding. The recommendation was made nearly a year before, and the civil service act was passed many months before Sir Wilfrid was a candidate. The salary increase had been demanded for years, and was held up pending the civil service inquiry. It was expected immediately after that recommendation but was withheld until Sir Wilfrid needed votes. Having refused the increase so long, the Premier should have waited until after the election. To keep it back until October, then offer it as an election bribe, is the worst way in which the bribe could be offered. It is an offence for a candidate to buy votes with his own money. The offence is greater when votes are bought with the people's money. It is greatest of all when justice is refused except as a price for votes for the leader of the government which gives or withholds justice at its pleasure.

Worse and Worse.

As was stated last week the customs income for November was one million and a quarter less than in November, 1907. Full returns show the following shortages in all departments of the revenue:

Decrease in Customs.....	\$ 1,251,057
Decrease in Excise.....	48,227
Decrease in P. O. receipts.....	3,188
Decrease in Works and Ry's.....	108,737
Decrease in miscellaneous.....	63,349
Total decrease.....	1,530,659
Total revenue, Nov. 1907.....	8,404,647
Total revenue Nov. 1908.....	7,873,988
Total for 8 months, 1907.....	66,092,427
Total for 8 months, 1908.....	65,115,227
Decrease 8 months.....	11,547,200
Increased expenditure 8 mos.....	9,334,410
Change for the worse.....	20,881,610

Or at the rate of \$31,322,415 a year.

With this state of affairs we look for a corresponding increase of debt and find the following:

Increase in November 1908.....	\$ 3,263,144
Increase in past 12 months.....	\$5,730,380

So the debt is growing pretty steadily at the rate of \$3,000,000 a month.

In twelve months the bonds payable in England have increased by over \$31,000,000 and temporary loans in that country over \$13,000,000. Mr. Fielding will be spending his Christmas holidays attending to these loans and making more.

Expenditure and Elections.

The effect of an election on public expenditure is shown by the statements of October and November, this year and last. Last year there was no election and the October expenditure was \$5,173,873. This year there was an election and the October expenditure was \$6,710,684, an increase of \$1,536,811.

On the other hand the November expenditure of 1907 was \$7,640,164, and of 1908 \$6,004,544, a decrease of \$1,635,620.

In other words, the government added a million and a half to the current expenditure of the election month and cut it out of the next month.

Again while the capital expenditure for public works and railways in October of this year exceeded that of last year by more than a million, that of November shows a much less increase.

Intercolumnial Deficit.

All but a small fraction of the item of revenue under the head of public works, including railways, is earnings of the Intercolumnial.

During the eight months this income has decreased by \$465,000. The earnings of the government railway are at least \$400,000 behind, while the working expenses have increased. Mr. Graham is likely to declare a deficit of at least a million dollars in the first full year of his administration.

Mr. Fisher's Failure.

What is the matter with the Heaven-born minister of agriculture? Five years ago government organs were full of boasting over the increased exports to England of Canadian butter and cheese. Credit for this development was claimed for Mr. Fisher and his department, and the people were asked to believe that the minister and the government had done the whole thing. There was no praise for the farmers. No account was taken of the increased British demand. It was all due to the genius and energy of the Liberal minister.

Now where are we?

Exports cheese, fiscal year 1908.....	189,987,305
Exports cheese, fiscal year 1907.....	229,009,925
Decrease.....	39,112,590
Butter exports, 1908.....	4,688,376
Butter exports, 1907.....	34,138,944
Decrease.....	29,450,568

These are the figures of Dominion Dairy Commissioner Riddick, published this week. The statement of Montreal shipments for the past ten years gives further particulars, covering more than nine-tenths of Canadian dairy exports:

Exports season 1907.....	3,102,985
Exports season 1908.....	1,785,026
Decrease.....	317,289

Showing exports last year a good deal less than they were in the year Mr. Fisher took office.

The fact is Great Britain bought from Canada last year about the same quantity as ten years ago. She bought from New Zealand five times as much as ten years ago.

Decreased Butter Exports.

The butter trade shows a still worse record for Fisher and his department:

Exports from Montreal, 1907.....	290,000
Exports from Montreal, 1908.....	270,000
Exports from Montreal, 1896.....	451,000
Compare this with 1908.....	83,416

That is, our exports of butter are less than half what they were eleven years ago, and about one-fifth of the quantity nine years ago.

This is not because the British people have stopped buying butter. They bought more last year than they did ten years ago, as shown below:

British imports, 1908.....	156,158
British imports, 1907.....	201,134
Increase.....	41,976

According to British returns, the purchase from Canada in the ten years 1898 and 1908 decreased from 5,662 to 1,862 tons.

Butter imports from Australia rose from 7,837 to 22,396 tons.

Butter imports from New Zealand rose from 3,933 to 11,492 tons.

Butter imports from Denmark rose from 6,905 to 91,248 tons.

Agriculture Neglected.

No doubt Fisher will explain that all this is the fault of Providence or the Canadian shipper, or the Canadian dairyman or the British purchaser. But since he claimed credit for increases during the first years of his ministry, he should be willing now to take the blame for the striking decrease.

It was pointed out last session by

Conservative members that the cold storage transportation arrangements are so defective at points as greatly to destroy their value. Mr. Borden's platform called for a national system of transportation with special protection for perishable goods.

The Opposition leader and his party have persistently maintained that cheap and safe transportation for export freight is much more important to the Canadian people than fast passenger and mail lines.

Mr. Broder and other Conservative members have shown that the Canadian government is expending more than ten times as much in keeping up a top heavy military equipment as it is paying for the development of agriculture including cold storage. Even Mr. Fisher has turned aside from managing his own department to make party patronage out of militia promotions, and has devoted to the task of driving Lord Dunsford out of the country some of the energy which might better have been expended in preserving the butter and cheese industry.

THEIR HOPE, THE PEOPLE

Muskoka's Brave Battle for Needy Consumptives.

It is poor consolation to needy consumptives to say that the Government should make provision for the thousands who suffer and die from tuberculosis in Canada every year. The Government should do a great deal more than they have yet dreamed of doing. But they are not doing it, and in the meantime twelve thousand and in the meantime twelve thousand and in the meantime twelve thousand from this dread disease.

As the situation is today, what would be the fate of many consumptives in Canada were it not for the two Houses for Consumptives in Muskoka that during the past eleven years, against many odds, have cared for upwards of three thousand patients in the earlier stages of the disease, while in the two sister institutions on the banks of the Huron, those in the more advanced stages are treated.

This work in Muskoka is one of pure philanthropy. The day the first patient was admitted to the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives in April, 1902, not a single applicant has ever been refused admission because of his or her inability to pay.

The Government contributes \$1.50 per week per patient. The cost of maintenance is \$9.25 a week. The difference in the cost of maintenance of all needy patients has through these years been made up by private philanthropy.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, J. S. Robertson, 347 King Street West, Toronto, writes us that, with the financial depression of the National Sanitarium Association in the interests of the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives have suffered greatly. At the commencement of the winter season the Trustees have to face a heavily overdrawn bank account and have many obligations to meet.

Despite these financial worries every applicant is receiving careful consideration and patients are admitted as promptly as beds are made vacant. All through these years the institution has been maintained, not by any rich endowment, for such does not exist, but by the generous contributions of the masses of the people—the small sums rather than the large ones.

We frankly say that we do not know, in our experience, of a more worthy and deserving charity, and our hope is that the readers of these lines will respond to the appeal that is now made for funds for the Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives.

Contributions may be sent to Mr. W. J. Gage, 84 Spadina Ave., Chairman of the Executive Committee, or to J. S. Robertson, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Sanitarium Association, 347 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario.

Hospital Fund.

Lacombe, Dec. 3.	
Interest on deposit for last three months.....	\$8.10
Total of Sept. 3.....	\$109.20
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This Christmas Stamp idea was started in Denmark about four years ago, where the cash returns have built and financed a Consumptive Hospital. A year ago, the Red Cross Society of Denmark sold over 400,000 with the co-operation of stores, churches, clubs, and boys and girls. In fact, everybody helped in this popular movement, and this year their National Red Cross Society is selling the stamps all over the States.

A STAMP FOR CANADA

The next little stamp in red and white, like above cut, and selling at one cent each, is published by the National Sanitarium Association in the interests of the Muskoka Free Hospital. The stamp does not pay postage, but may be put on letters, packages and Christmas cards of all kinds, and will bear the happy Season's Greetings everywhere.

Willing workers all over the Dominion are organizing little bands for stamp selling. The hospital is hoping that over a million stamps will be sold before Christmas, and the work for the consumptive poor from sea to sea will be greatly strengthened. Other interesting information may be obtained by writing Mr. J. S. Robertson, Secy-Treas. of the Association, 347 King Street West, Toronto.

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Montreal, Dec. 18.—Montreal was the
center of a big snowstorm today and
over six inches fell between nine this
morning and six this evening. This snow on
top of a previous heavy snow fall will
cause considerable expense to the city
and street railway, it being estimated
that the city will have to cost \$60,000 in
removing it while it will cost the street
railway \$50,000 to clear its tracks. The
result is a veritable snow to many un-
supplied. The street railways put on
three hundred more men this evening.
These will be employed for a week or
more, even if no more snow falls, with
the result that many people who would
have otherwise depended upon charity
for a Christmas dinner will now be able
to buy their own luxuries. As a result
of the snow trains on all railroads are
coming in many hours late.

Are You Dyspeptic?
Nine people out of ten suffer from dys-
pepsia and don't know it. Half the pale
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Christmas Becoming a Rival for 4th of
July.

Dauphin, Man., Dec. 16.—Gordon Gal-
braith, the 15-year-old son of Robt. Gal-
braith, of Gilbert Plains, is lying at the
point of death in the hospital here as a
result of a shooting accident. The un-
fortunate boy and a companion, Alfred
Gray, were practicing a dialogue for a
Christmas entertainment at Markham
school on Tuesday. In the dialogue
there was a mock shooting incident.
When it came to this part the boy Gray
picked up a twenty-two rifle and aimed
at Galbraith. The rifle, which was sup-
posed to be not loaded, went off and a
bullet entered Galbraith's left side, pass-
ing through his stomach. The injured
boy was at once brought to the hospital.
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Resurrection by Dynamite.

Minneapolis, Dec. 17.—George Perry,
44 Woodward, N. D., was officially dead
for over an hour Wednesday. Today he
is alive at the St. Paul city hospital and
is expected to recover. He was pro-
nounced dead by Dr. H. M. Luskin, and
the police surgeon, following an internal
hemorrhage. To Dr. Luskin belongs the
credit for bringing Perry back to life.
After making sure that the man was
dead, he gave hypodermic injections of
nitroglycerine. After a long fight, Perry
showed signs of life and later he was
taken to the hospital. Perry was taken
sick on a train while on his way home
was taken from the train at St. Paul and
apparently died on the way to the hos-
pital.

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"Missing Link" Discovered Once More.
Paris, Dec. 18.—Abbes Buysom and
Bardon, who are conducting excavations
at Chappelle-sur-Saône, in the Cuvette
department, have discovered what is be-
lieved to be the oldest human remains
dating back 170,000 years to the middle
of the Pleistocene age, the latest period
of geological history. The skull presents
a strong resemblance to that of a mon-
key, having a long jaw and being devoid
of canine teeth. The other bones are
arched, showing that man usually walked
on all fours. The skeleton has been ac-
quired by the natural history museum
of Paris.

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Longboat Wins Great Race.

Madison Square Garden, New
York, Dec. 17.—In one of the
greatest running races ever wit-
nessed in the history of athletics,
Tom Longboat, the Canadian In-
dian distance runner, beat Dorando
Pietri tonight. Dorando collapsed
the sixth lap of the twenty-sixth
mile. Longboat finished in the
fast time of 2 hours 45.05 2-5, do-
ing the final lap in close to 14 seconds'
time.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Hundreds
of citizens waited till midnight to
watch newspaper bulletins of the
Longboat-Dorando race. When the
result was announced crowds
paraded the streets, cheering en-
thusiastically. Satisfaction is felt
by the Indian's admirers in view
of the tendency in some quarters
to "knock" Longboat because he
refused to be managed by a cer-
tain clique.

Lawless Law and Order League.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Two lives
are thought to have been lost at
the Coliseum and the building in
which the first ward hall, the annual
orgie of the dem-monde, is to
take place, was partially wrecked
tonight by a terrific bomb explosion
which shocked the neighbor-
hood of Sixteenth street and Wa-
bash avenue for blocks.

A bomb thought to have been
loaded with nitro-glycerine was
set off at the southeast corner of
the Coliseum. The powerful
bomb was placed under the "Prop-
erty" store room of the Coliseum
company and it tore out the entire
south wall of the building and de-
stroyed that end of the roof. Lean-
ing almost up against the destroyed
building was a little two-story
frame shack in which two junk
men resided. One side of the
shack was driven inward and the
entire hovel was filled with debris
and junk. It is thought that the
junk men were inside their hovel
when the explosion occurred. If
they were they could not have es-
caped. One of the junk men is
said to have been a Swede named
Ira Petrosky. The name of the
other is unknown.

Inspector John J. Wheeler to-
night directly charged the Chicago
law and order league with causing
the explosion after he had looked
over the scene and received the
reports from the score of detec-
tives he had working on the case.
He declared that there was no
doubt in his mind that the law and
order league had dynamited the
Coliseum, and that he had circum-
stantial evidence which pointed di-
rectly to agents of the reform or-
ganization. Furthermore, the po-
lice chief says that he was con-
vinced that the Chicago law and
order league has been a wolf in
sheep's clothing for months past,
and that a band of dynamiters had
been paying certain reformers had
been dynamiting gambling houses
in Chicago for months past.

Tonight's bomb was No. 27 in
the series of bomb explosions
which have taken place in Chicago
although this bomb was not direc-
ted towards a gambling house, as
the previous 26 were.

If the two men were killed, they
are the first fatalities in the series,
and this was the most powerful of
the many bombs which have pre-
ceded it, while the property room
which is a two-story frame build-
ing nestling close to the Coliseum
annex and running from Wabash
avenue back to the alley, was
wrecked beyond repair. The
Coliseum proper was uninjured.
A few windows were broken in
the Coliseum, and the big building
shook until the steel girders vi-
brated for several minutes, but the
building proved strong enough to
withstand the strain.

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shares \$15.00 each, the Giant California, adjoining our own, shares about
\$10.00. Granby Mine paid over \$500,000.00 Dividends per year. Gold-
Copper mines in British Columbia paid large dividends. Big Four assays
from \$5.00 to \$800.00 in gold, copper, silver, with 30 per cent. in the trea-
sury. Invest now and you won't regret it.
NOTE—Most of these mines sold for a few cents once, but over
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THE THOUGHTLESS WOMAN



At a Dangerous Angle

An Unavoidable Carriage

Demanding Right of Way

HERE is a story told of a careless woman who carried her umbrella at an angle which was a menace to all passers-by. It was repeatedly predicted by her enemies that she would surely injure some one severely. She was often entreated by her friends to adopt a safer way to carry it. But she obstinately refused.

One day she was ascending the steps of the New York elevated with her umbrella straight out behind her, and a little boy, a really young kiddie, was laboring up the steps in her wake. Suddenly the young man, reminded

of some forgotten errand, stopped short. The youngster behind, still climbing of course, never saw his danger, and so his eye was impaled upon the point of her umbrella. History does not reveal what was done in the case, nor does it even say how the incident affected the selfish girl. But the story as far as it goes is enough. No one has a right to walk on the street utterly oblivious of others, and those who do so should be shunned by all.

It is surprising how thoughtless some

women are! One type will carry a dozen parcels and take the valuable time of any passing man who has the manners—to pick up the fallen trophies of the bargain counter. Furthermore, she often accepts his service without a word of thanks, if a woman has but a few precious moments in which to get her lunch, would she like to spend them in caring for the unreasonable wants of a man? All the parcels may be hung on one string, and then they would be no trouble to any one.

There is also the woman who demands the right of way so she may carry a hatbox safely. All must scatter at her approach, and many are the scorching looks she gives the inattentive few who fail to comply with her desire for a monopoly of the walk. She will carry the enormous thing into trolley cars and other public conveyances. She has even been known to place it upon the seat beside her, allowing a tired mother to stand with a baby in her arms.

Again, there is the woman who goes round with trailing skirt, yet who flies into a temper if an unfortunate and preoccupied man touches the hem of her garment with his shoe. Does she stop to consider, if perhaps the contretemps is her fault?

How easy it is to take some thought for others, to be kind rather than to tread roughshod over the feelings even of strangers. Surely, it is a small thing to add as much as possible to the comfort of an unfortunate child in a crowded conveyance. It is no personal sacrifice to carry an umbrella so others are safe upon the streets. It is wiser far to arrange parcels and packages so you may carry for them yourself.

It is just as easy, and it would add so much to the peace of the world in general if such comparative details were taken into consideration. When next you are on a crowded street look around you and notice how the women walk and what they do. Are they attractive? Do they seem to you to be thoughtful? If each one did her little best, would not the way through life be less beset with annoyances?

WHEN LEAVING A CAR

If you're leaving a car and some one attempts to board it at that moment, it is perfectly good form to wait until he or she stands aside. Such a thing recently occurred, and the man who hopped the exit begged the lady's pardon, but failed to move. She granted the pardon, but waited until he stepped down out of her way. She was perfectly right, and perhaps she taught the man a lesson.

Refrain from talking of private affairs and quarreling in the street cars. Other opportunities will present themselves, and the other passengers have a right to peace and quiet. Speak in a low tone of voice and do not be conspicuous. Even among strangers you may behave as though you were in your own drawing room.

PERPLEXITIES SOLVED

Very Improper

EVERY common paper prints so much of it that it is really considered improper. Yes, any affectionate demonstration should be confined to the house. It is ridiculous for a woman to meet a friend on the street and fondly embrace, although, of course, in a railroad station an affectionate goodbye is quite permissible. Two women embracing are very conspicuous, and my advice is to always be as inconspicuous as possible.

When Mentioning Your Husband

When speaking of your husband, I call him Mr. Jones, or should I call him the man who lives at 123 Main Street? No, a woman should always refer to her husband as Mr. Jones, or should I call him the man who lives at 123 Main Street? No, a woman should always refer to her husband as Mr. Jones, or should I call him the man who lives at 123 Main Street?

Difficulties of Eating
Is it proper to use a knife when eating salad? In many places knives are not even placed on the table when this course is served. If you find it impossible to get the leaf of lettuce on your fork it is perfectly proper to cut it with the side of the fork. An expert, however, can arrange it so that it is easily taken in one mouthful.

The Women Enter First

It is proper to wait for a woman to enter a room first. It is a small thing to add as much as possible to the comfort of an unfortunate child in a crowded conveyance.

Red Noses

OLD Father Winter is almost with us, and with him come cold and unattractive. A cure for this trouble is very necessary, and as it is merely a question of circulation, it is very easily remedied. The nose and the surrounding part of the face should be gently rubbed night and morning with the tips of the fingers. This will stimulate the glands and promote the healthy action of the skin.

In fact, the massage of the whole face night and morning will keep the little blood vessels all acting so nicely that the complexion will soon become visibly better. The massage does not take very long, and it is well worth trying.

Cucumber Cream

CUCUMBER cream is a very popular and very pleasant cream to use on the face. It is made by placing a cucumber in a small place on a mill's dressing table. To make it, cut in small pieces one pound of cucumber and remove the seeds. Add an equal amount of the pulp of a lemon cut in the same way, one pound of pure lard and a half pint of milk. Heat in a double boiler for ten hours without allowing it to boil. Strain the mixture through a clean cheesecloth, allowing it to drip and congeal. Wash the punctum until the water is colorless. Put in jars and seal.

Scant Eyebrows

FOR those who have scant eyebrows pure alcohol is said to be a good stimulant. Take a little on the end of the finger and massage it into the skin. Surely such a cure is very easy, and a more simple lotion could not be found.

Of course, one must take care that none of the alcohol touches the eyes, for such an accident might prove very painful, but with ordinary watchfulness there will be no danger of such a catastrophe.

Little Things Worth Knowing

A GLASS of hot water before breakfast is a cleanser and tonic for the entire system. For oily, greasy skin, squeeze half a lemon into the water; drink without adding sugar.

Olive oil, taken internally, is excellent for biliousness, and will do much to improve a yellow, pimply skin. Commence by taking a spoonful before breakfast and one at bedtime.

For the baggy appearance under the eyes, rub gently with the tips of the fingers dipped in alcohol. Afterward massage in the same way with cold cream.

When shampooing never rub the soap directly on the hair, as it gums and is almost impossible to rub or rinse off. Always have the soap in some liquid form.

For a soft, painful corn, try the old-fashioned remedy of binding it nightly with common baking soda, moistened with a little water. The most stubborn and painful corns will disappear after three weeks of this treatment.

Bushy, irregular eyebrows should be brushed lightly with a camel's hair brush dipped in olive oil. The same treatment is good for stiff and harsh eyebrows, and is said to make them grow.

In massaging wrinkles use the tips of the fingers and thumb, always working across the line; never follow the lines of the creases.

Hot water, if taken a cupful on rising and another when going to bed, will help to reduce the weight of a stout person. Cold water, unless taken with meals, will not increase flesh, but has a tendency to harden and make it firmer.

A pallid skin indicates an anemic condition of the blood, the lack of the red corpuscles; a good iron tonic is a necessity to improve such a complexion.

To get the full value of cold cream it must be let dry on the face. It takes time for the skin to absorb it.

We none of us eat as good fruit as we should, and grapes and apples were always substituted for heavy puddings and pies, most of the beauty culturists would have to retire from business. While drinking these juices, of course, so much water could not and need not be taken.

Bird Must Be Fed

A LITTLE chap from the country was out with his traps and caught a bird. He was obliged to amuse himself when he saw the bird fly out and alight on the fence.

"How would you like to have such a clock?" he asked.

"Well, a swaggy slice," responded the boy, slowly. "I'd think it would be a whole lot better. You have not only to wind the clock, but you've got to feed the bird."

The Value of Raw Apples

MANY persons fancy that raw apples are indigestible, and only endurable in the early morning. Doubtless this is an old error, but it is gold in the morning, silver in the middle of the day and lead at night, is to some extent answerable for this to my way of thinking) erroneous impression. Dietitians tell us that ripe, raw apples contain more phosphates in proportion to their bulk than any other article of food, fish not excepted. A recent writer on this point has decided that in this lies the secret of healthful longevity. They correct biliousness and act as a sedative upon the racked nerves and allay insomnia.

Not uncooked apples constantly, although, of course, in moderation, and drink distilled water only, and years will be added to your life while the vicissitudes of age will be long in coming." This argument is based on the supposition that, as age advances, the deposits of mineral matter in the system increase, and that aging is little more than a gradual process of ossification. Phosphoric acid contains the least amount of earth salts, and for that reason, is probably the nearest approach to the elixir of life known to the scientific world.

If you want to live long, to retain your youth at the same time and to increase your brain tissue, eat plenty of apples, drink only distilled water and eat as little bread as possible.

Tart apples are far more wholesome than sweet ones, and like potatoes should be fully ripe, when eaten.

Peas in the Pod

LAST season the success of the pea was regarded with horror by the cook. No more need she stay out for hours and hours on the porch about them in endless numbers, while the rest of the dinner waits upon her. That day. No more need mother stay home from picnics and all, and the peas are not to be cooked in the water. Cook them the usual length of time. When they are done, the pods will break and rise to the surface like the pea. The water found at the bottom of the kettle, therefore, will be free from the pea. It requires to cook a meal. What a comfort will be to find that the peas are not to be cooked in the water. When cooked this way are better than when they are cooked in the water.

Advice on Social Problems.

Miss Gladys Mann
most certainly mislaid her friends
though to her dear friend
Professors and Philosophers
by letter at any time

Trolley Car Etiquette

EVERY ONE knows the story of the man who arose, as a very stout woman entered the car, and said: "I will be one of a committee of three to give this lady a seat." It is a good story, and while it is not exactly relevant to the question under discussion, it shows that there are still a few polite men in the world. Perhaps, though, the man who made such a remark had not exactly what is called "polish."

The giving and taking of a seat is one of the most important points in trolley car etiquette.

We are all familiar with the man who seems too much interested in his paper to look up, particularly when a woman is standing. Such a thing happened once when the man was engaged to be married to a girl who entered the car, like saw him, of course, and stood in front of him, rearing upon his "perfect breeding," but the men merely saw that there was a woman, who evidently expected him to offer her his seat, so he became more than ever interested in the news of the day, while his fiancée stood. Finally he reached his destination and looked up, to find a very haughty damsel, who would listen to no explanation of such rudeness. Soon afterward the engagement was broken.

ORDINARY POLITENESS

A man should always offer his seat to any woman, be she young or old, rich or poor. A gentleman knows only that she is a woman and takes no other question into consideration.

A woman, on the other hand, should thank him for the sacrifice, although many forget to do so. She who feels herself without a word of gratitude is guilty of just as much rudeness as the man who fails to offer his seat. Older people may always remain in their places, and a woman need never rise, unless it be to offer her seat to a very old person or another woman carrying



Local and General.

Matthew Fletcher was the only amateur to avail himself of the opportunity offered by the Tom Marks Company at the close of their performance on Saturday night. Mr. Fletcher opened his performance with a song which was enthusiastically received by the audience, but owing to a misapprehension on the part of the audience they did not wait for other numbers which were to follow the song. Mr. Fletcher contemplates giving a demonstration of his talents as an entertainer in the opera house at some date in the near future.

"Stagnation Club" in Court.

On Friday last the "Stagnation Club" affair reached a high pitch at our neighboring town of Blackfalds. The Methodist parson and the local magistrate had a heated discussion on the matter in one of the Blackfalds stores. In the mixup at the end of the first round the parson smashed the magistrate in the face in Potts-Lander style and the magistrate struck the parson with a saw.

The parson felt himself aggrieved in the affair and came to Lacombe to lay a charge against the magistrate.

The case came to trial before Justices McKenty and Wigmore at Lacombe on Wednesday, J. I. Poole for the defence and R. C. Murphy for the parson. The trial attracted much attention.

The defence pleaded provocation in justification. Showed that the parson had a confirmed habit of reciting "Stagnation Club" and elicited from the parson the admission that he was the author of the same. Showed that he had promiscuously and at divers times dropped other remarks not calculated to promote harmony in the community. Also adopted a line of defence tending to show that the parson was very hot tempered and to draw it mildly, not slow to anger.

The court, taking into consideration the provocation shown, assessed the defendant a light fine, \$5 and costs.

Blackfalds.

Bert Taylor, our genial station agent, left on Monday night to relieve the agent at Leduc. His place has been taken by Mr. Moore, of Red Deer.

Martin Eid has again resumed possession of the Blackfalds boarding house. Mr. Aarstad and family have taken up their residence for the time being at the station.

Business is not as brisk as it should be for the holiday season. Why are the farmers going elsewhere, is a question that should be considered by the Board of Trade.

Who corresponds for The Advertiser from Blackfalds bothers some of the natives. The more important question should be: Are his statements the truth?

Elmer Johnson, of Canton, Minnesota, has unloaded two cars of settler's effects at this point. He will take up his residence on one of the Allison farms in Pleasant Valley.

George Grepon, of Banff, is visiting old acquaintances in this locality.

Stagnation Club has advanced another stage. The parson and the magistrate got into a heated discussion over the merits of this poetry, which ended in blows. The affair was disgraceful, as both should know better. The magistrate is not a cool-blooded Englishman, but a hot-headed Scot, with apparently some fighting blood in his veins. As various phases of this now famous poetry may be ventilated in the courts we refrain from further comment at present.

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We have just received a delayed consignment of specimens from the Raphael Tuck & Sons Co., fine art and book publishers, Montreal, of their newest in the line of artistic publications. Their extensive lines of gift, juvenile and toy books, calendars, booklets and holiday cards are the most artistic in the world today. The high-class color printing, the apt illustrations of meritorious design and the interesting character of the text, commends all of their productions to the public.

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